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Proposed Information Collection (Regulation on Reduction of Nursing Shortages in State

Homes; Application for Assistance for Hiring and Retaining Nurses at State Homes)

Activity: Comment Request

Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to determine State Veterans' Homes eligibility for funding for programs to recruit and retain nurses at their facility.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received before [Insert date 60 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through
Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov; or to Cynthia

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Harvey-Pryor, Veterans Health Administration (10B4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420; or e-mail: cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0709" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia Harvey-Pryor at (202) 461-5870 or fax (202) 495-5397.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501 - 3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from OMB for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VHA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

<u>Title</u>: Regulation on Reduction of Nursing Shortages in State Homes; Application for

Assistance for Hiring and Retaining Nurses at State Homes, VA Form 10-0430.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0709.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

<u>Abstract</u>: State Veterans' Homes complete VA Form 10-0430 to request funding to assist in the hiring and retention of nurses at their facility. VA will use the data collected to determine State homes eligibility and the appropriate amount of funding.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Annual Burden: 30.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 2 hours.

<u>Frequency of Response</u>: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15 per year.

DATED: September 6, 2013

By direction of the Secretary:

Crystal Rennie, VA Clearance Officer,

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

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